



Minutes
Owners' and Residents' Association of Lac Bernard
Board Meeting, November 25, 2024
(MS Teams)

Board Attendance:

Officers Present: Jeff Stubbins, President Colleen Forer, Vice-President Glynnis French, Secretary Absent - Don McLean, Treasurer	Executive Members Present: Wendy Carr Charles Topp Blair Patacairk Absent: Peter Steele
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1. President's Welcome and Announcements

Jeff Stubbins called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. He noted that Peter Steele will be withdrawing from his appointment to the executive for personal reasons.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 28, 2024

A motion was put forward by Jeff to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Board of October 28, 2024. Seconded by Wendy Carr. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (provided by Jeff in Don's absence)

Jeff indicated that Don had indicated that there had been no material changes in income or expenses in the past month. In addition, a new GIC for \$45k (100 day revolving cashable @3.5%) had been established at TD bank (from a combination of balances freed from the National Bank and some TD available balances), working capital balances outside of the GIC approximates \$18K - more than enough to support ORALB operations in the coming months.

4. Semi-Annual General Meeting Dec. 4, 2024 Planning

The Committee discussed how best to proceed with the meeting. It was decided that the Longair brothers would again be asked to provide the technical support on Zoom for the meeting.

The meeting will include a President's update and then reports from each of the Committee chairs. A deck will be produced to help guide the discussion. It was decided that a question-and-answer session would be held after each item rather than simply at the end of all agenda items. It was agreed that the environment item would likely require the most airtime, and that Kevin would outline where his Environment Committee is at in developing an overall strategy for the Association.

It was decided that the Annual General Meeting will be held on May 21, 2025. All members of the executive, except the Secretary Glynnis French, indicated that they were available to attend the meeting on that date. There was a discussion about whether the mayor of La Pêche should be invited to attend, and it was noted that due to the mayor's schedule, an early invitation would be desirable. There were some concerns about the size of the block in the meeting agenda for the mayor's address. However, at the same time, it is felt that the executive needs to be shown that it works in partnership with the municipality.

5. History Committee

Charles Topp reported that as a non-profit, the lake Association has obtained access to google workspace. This can host the 4,000 archival documents that have been identified as having historical value. It can also hold other Association documents and be linked to the website. The History Committee offered a demonstration of the site to the executive and this has been set for January 20, 2025. It was suggested that John McDonald, who is leading the work on Google Workspace, should meet with Carrie Ault, who is leading management of the Lac Bernard website for the Association.

6. Membership – new Fee discussion

The executive discussed raising the membership fee for the lake Association. Jeff has reviewed the fees at other lake Associations in the La Pêche municipality and indicates they are typically in the \$50-\$75 per year range. The executive discussed whether the general membership needs to be convinced that an increase is needed and whether the increase should be linked to environmental concerns. Others suggested that the increase is justified by rising costs in general, and since any major environmental mitigation of Eurasian Water Milfoil will be extremely expensive and require special fund-raising drives plus government matching funds, it could raise false hopes to link the membership increase to mitigation of milfoil. More discussion is required, and this issue will be brought to the general membership at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Environment

Kevin reported that the yellow buoys that were ordered earlier this autumn have been delivered and are now safely stowed in the shed at the Regatta site.

8. Other business

- a) Jeff reported that his session with Neil Balchin on how to post on the website went well.
- b) The new maps of the lake are available, but Jeff noted that some new cottages on the lake are not noted and he will do more research on this issue
- c) Recognition for Laurence McClelland – the 3-dimensional wooden map of the lake gift has been ordered and will be presented at the Semi-Annual General Meeting
- d) The committee provided condolences to Glynnis French, the secretary, on the news of her husband Robert French's passing
- e) Colleen reported that she has the Lac Bernard logo file and has cleaned it up. She showed the committee an example of how clear and detailed it is. It is now available for printing on merchandise. Jeff will touch base with Tom Shenstone to see if he is still on board to take on the merch role.